

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

### *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, The state of South Dakota is the home of Ruth Adeline Stowsand, and we are richer because Ruth lives among us; and,

*Whereas*, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love, as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

*Whereas*, Ruth Adeline Cronn was born in Sioux Falls on October 28, 1921, at what was then the hospital which later became Sioux Valley Hospital. Her family farm was the site of much of the present day Empire Mall; and,

*Whereas*, Ruth attended elementary school in South Sioux and high school at Washington High, graduating in 1938. She married Donald Stowsand on December 4, 1943, and to this union three children were born, Thomas, Dale, and Wayne; and,

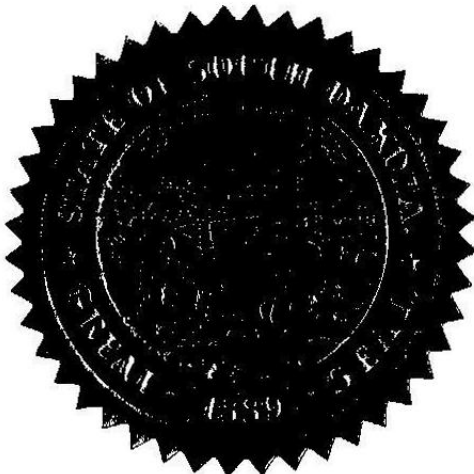
*Whereas*, She was a homemaker on the family farm in Hartford township until the age of 50 when she attended nursing school to become a Licensed Practical Nurse, and retired from Sioux Valley Hospital; and,

*Whereas*, Ruth will observe her 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday in Hartford, South Dakota, with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her friends and relatives gather on October 28, 2011, to honor her and celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

*Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 28, 2011, as

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in South Dakota, and I join all her many friends and relatives in wishing her a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Thirteenth Day of October in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eleven.

*Dennis Daugaard*  
Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

*Jason M. Gant*  
Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State